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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yasuomi URANO et al.**

Art Unit: **1612**

Application Number: **10/584,415**

Examiner: **Carlic K. Huynh**

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For: **INHIBITOR FOR THE FORMATION OF γ -SECRETASE COMPLEX**

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RESPONSE TO NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 11, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated February 25, 2008, and having a response due date set for March 25, 2008.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I (Claims 1-4), Group II (Claims 5-9), Group III (Claims 10-14) and Group IV (Claims 15-23).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group II (Claims 5-9) for prosecution in this application. Applicants further elect pitavastatin as a species of (1) a cholesterol synthesis inhibitor or a protein geranylgeranylation regulator. It is believed that claims 5-9 read on the elected species. These elections are made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicant's right to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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